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**Army Corps of Engineers, City of Norfolk Announce Three-Month Delay in Coastal  
Storm Damage Reduction Project**  
*Army Corps rejects bid due to high cost*

**NORFOLK, Va.** – The US Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Norfolk announce a three-month delay in the start of construction of a coastal storm damage reduction project for Willoughby Spit and East Ocean View beach areas due to the receipt of an unacceptable bid in response to the solicitation. The Army Corps and the City determined it was in the best interests of the project to allow greater flexibility for the period of performance of the construction and to re-solicit the project.

The construction will now begin in early 2016 with an anticipated period of performance not to exceed one year. After a contract has been awarded, the project timeline will be finalized and shared with the public.

The project will provide for initial construction of a 60-foot sand berm along the Willoughby Spit and East Ocean View beach areas with periodic renourishment to be provided as needed over the project's 50-year life. The project will be cost-shared with the federal government responsible for up to 65 percent of the project cost.

The project was originally authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 1986. Federal funding for the project was provided by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama in response to the catastrophic damages to the Atlantic coastline caused by Hurricane Sandy in late October 2012.

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